

TMI SCHOLARSHIP UPDATE

The following letter to Laurie Monroe is from Adam Stevens, the 1993 recipient of The Monroe Institute scholarship:

"For the past three years I have had the opportunity to receive an education from one of the finest academic institutions in the world, the University of Virginia. Since I was not blessed with adequate funds to attend the University, your father and The Monroe Institute provided me with the necessary financial aid. Now entering my fourth and final year of under-graduate studies in the School of Architecture's Department of Urban and Environmental Planning, I would once again like to extend my sincere gratitude to the Institute for allowing me to become the first member of either side of my family to acquire a college education.

Majoring in environmental planning with a minor in architecture, I plan to receive a Bachelor of Planning degree this coming May. However, I have my sights set on graduate school. I would like to receive a Masters of Planning (environmental planning) degree, become employed for a few years and then return to law school to receive a Juris Doctorate degree in environmental law. Far fetched as it may seem, I've only accomplished what I have so far by setting goals for myself. The most difficult hurdle for me has been patience.

I spent the duration of this summer living on Wintergreen mountain while I completed an internship with the Wintergreen Nature Foundation. Although the internship was not previously arranged through the University, therefore no credit will be given to me, I felt that it would be beneficial for myself as well as my career. Dedicated to educating people about the natural history of the Blue Ridge Mountains, the Wintergreen Nature Foundation helped me develop a true sensitivity to the natural world that I believe is lacking in the environmental planning and law professions."

We wish Adam much continued success.

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